

REMARKS

Applicant acknowledges, with appreciation, the allowance of claims 1, 2, 8-10 and 12, and the indication that claim 4 contains allowable subject matter. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 8-10 and 12 are currently pending, with claims 1, 4, and 8 being the independent claims. Claims 3, 6 and 7 have been canceled. The amendment to claim 8 is to correct minor claim wording, and is cosmetic in nature.

Claim 4 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of canceled independent claim 3. Since claim 4 was indicated to contain allowable subject matter, as noted previously, Applicant submits that independent claims 1, 4 and 8 are now all in condition for allowance. Dependent claims 2, 5, 9, 10 and 12 all depend from these independent claims and are therefore allowable because the independent claims are allowable. No new matter has been added by way of this amendment. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

It is believed that no fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the present application. However, if any fees or charges are required at this time, they may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

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